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### Jackson, the Prospector.

We have no doubt that a history of the manner in which the first discovery of gold was made in the Rocky Mountains, will be interesting to our readers, and we propose to give it, in connection with a short sketch of the life of the discoverer, who has kindly furnished us with the outlines.

GEORGE ANDREW JACKSON, was born in Glasgow, Howard Co., Mo., July 25, 1836, and is consequently 24 years of age. He is robust health, in stature near six feet, a genial companion, generous, and free-hearted. He left his native town April 14, 1853, for California, where he arrived after a five months' trip across the plains. Here he remained engaged in mining until the spring of 1857. On the 23d of May of this year he left Sacramento for his home in Missouri, rejoining the plains, in company with seven others. About the first of August he reached his home; he remained here only about six months, when, in the spring of '58, he again started on a trip across the plains. From hints thrown out by some mountaineers whose acquaintance he had made, he believed and still believes that gold exists upon Laramie Fork and the Sweetwater. This was before the discovery of gold on Cherry Creek. Jackson arrived at Fort Laramie in the fore part of August, when he remained some two weeks, where he made the acquaintance of several old mountaineers, among whom were Antoine and Nicolas Janis, and Antoine Lebans. On the 27th he started in company with Lebans, on a prospecting tour up Laramie Fork, which they fol-

lowed some eighty miles, but did not even raise the "color." When they returned to the fort a report was current that gold had been found on Cherry Creek. They immediately made preparations for the journey, and on the 7th of September, in company with the two brothers Janis, Wm. Scofield, "Big Pbill," and twenty Sioux Indians, started for Cherry Creek. They prospected every creek and branch between Fort Laramie and Vasquez Fork, or Clear Creek. The first gold they found was up on the south bank of St. Vrain's Fork, where they remained some ten days; here they were joined by a party of prospectors from Cherry Creek, Mr. Oaks, Mr. Graham and several others. Jackson accompanied Mr. Oaks up the creek some ten or twelve miles, but found no better prospects than where they then were. Oaks and his party getting short of provisions returned to the Platte. It was now getting late, and Jackson and his party thought it expedient to get into winter quarters; they proceeded to the mouth of Thompson's Fork and built themselves cabins, intending to remain through the winter.

This monotonous life, however, ill-suited the stirring nature of Jackson; on the 26th of December he left the little settlement, and started for Vasquez Fork. At Arapahoe he built another cabin, intending to remain the balance of the winter. After prospecting up on this creek, he became convinced that he could find coarse gold and in paying quantities higher up in the mountains. He became very impatient to reach the creek thirty or forty miles above, and made several attempts, but each time failed, owing to the depth of snow.

At last fortune favored him.—One day he started out for the purpose of hunting, taking his rifle three biscuits, a tin cup, a buffalo robe and a blanket, intending to remain out two or three nights; soon after getting into the mountains he struck the fresh trail of a large head of elk. He found they were heading towards Vasquez Fork, in single file, and thinking as long as they kept this course, he

would not disturb them, but follow their tracks through the deep snow, hoping in this way to reach the creek. For three days he followed them in this manner, making about twelve miles, stopping when they stopped to rest or browse, and when they again started, following at a respectful distance. On the third night he found himself in sight of the long looked for valley; he wrapped himself in his robe and blanket as usual and crawled under the snow for the night. Being very tired and sleepy he slept soundly until sunrise the next morning. Feeling an unusual weight of "bed-clothes," he was somewhat astonished, upon digging himself out, to find about two feet of snow spread over him.—Looking about for his companions, he found them about three hundred yards off, browsing in a thicket of quaking-aspen. He struck a fire and cooked his morning "meat," expecting his pilots to lead the way as usual; after smoking his pipe for a while he found them loth to start and therefore concluded to discharge them, and did so by discharging his rifle into the herd, bringing down a fat buck. This centered the balance in every direction.

The creek was in plain view, apparently not more than a mile distant, but down a very precipitous mountain. Thinking to reach it in an hour or so he started on through the deep snow. After five or six hours of wallowing and tumbling, being several times plunged over head and ears in the drifts, he reached the creek, which he found in many places frozen to the bottom, and the water running over the ice. Building his fire on the bank of the creek, he remained here till the next morning; he started on, following the creek, and traveled hard all day. At night he reached the mouth of a small branch. Here he found signs of white men, it having been the camping place of a party of prospectors under Capt. T. L. Golden. After traveling all the next day without seeing any game, he found his meat getting scarce, and rolled himself suppleless to his blankets for the night. The next

day he was fortunate in killing a mountain sheep, which he found old and tough, but at this time he was probably not at all fastidious.

He traveled another day up the creek, and reached the mouth of a branch of considerable size, since called "Chicago Creek." Here he remained five days, keeping up a large fire, for the purpose of warming the ground so as to enable him to prospect the bank. At the expiration of this time he moved his fire, and with no instrument but a hunting-knife, dug a hole about eighteen inches in depth, and commenced "panning" with his tin cup. After panning nine cup fulls of dirt, he found a nugget which weighed twenty-six cents, the first gold he ever found in the mountains.

Jackson was now satisfied that there was coarse gold at this place but determined to keep his own counsel till spring, and returned to Arapahoe. On the 18th of April, in company with two others Messrs. Sampson and Horton from Chicago, he revisited the scene of his discovery, being absent fifteen days. On the 2d of May he started with about thirty others, with their teams for "Jackson's Diggings," cutting their road as they went, Jackson leading the way and blazing the trail. This work occupied seven days. His first day's work with one man only shoveling into the ton, amounted to twenty-five dollars, in coarse gold.

They had been at work here about ten days, when news came of rich diggings having been discovered by Gregory; Jackson left and took up claims in Gregory's Diggings, which he worked for some time.

During the past summer Mr. Jackson has spent a large portion of his time in prospecting; in June last he crossed the snowy ranges on a prospecting tour, and on his return went on the same errand to the Medicine Bow Mountains, about two hundred miles north, being absent about a month. He informs us that he found gold upon nearly every water-course which he has prospected, and it is his opinion that next year more gold will be taken from these mountains.



than has been taken out of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in any one year since the first discovery of gold in California.

Mr. Jackson is now a resident of Golden City, where he intends to remain until about the middle of May next, when he proposes to start with a select company across the snowy range, to some rich diggings which he has discovered upon the western slope. We wish him abundant success, for after spending so much of his time for the benefit of others, he certainly deserves it.

#### THE MOUNTAINEER.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14, 1859.

##### A Word of Advice.

We take it for granted that before the opening of next spring, all doubt of the extent and richness of the gold fields of Jefferson will be removed from the minds of the people of the states, and that thousands will wind their way to this glorious land. We do not advise any one to come, not because we fear the vengeance of the disappointed ones, but because we prefer to let each one act upon his own judgment; but to those who have made up their minds to undergo the hardships of a journey of six hundred miles across the plains, we say—you are not coming into a wild and desolate country, destitute of all the resources that tend to make a community great, prosperous and happy. This country is rich in mineral and agricultural wealth; and new developments are being made every day. Gold, silver, lead, iron, coal, marble and limestone, are abundant; and all that is needed is the machinery and capital, and skill and energy to manage them. There are thousands upon thousands of acres of land along our watercourses that only wait the magic touch of the farmer to spring into new life, and yield abundantly of the luxuries and necessities of life.

Therefore we say to you, if you are a mechanic, bring your tools, if you are a farmer bring your ploughs. There is gold in the work-shop for the mechanic, and for the farmer in the rich soil of the valleys, as well as for the miner in the mountains; you are not coming into wild and uncivilized society, therefore we say to you, if you have a family bring them along, and you will find an orderly and well disposed community, where they can enjoy all the comforts of the quiet home, or the pleasures of the social circle.

To all those who do not possess grit enough to sharpen their own wits, or patience and perseverance enough to bring composition to "try again" if they are unsuccessful upon a first trial, we say you had

best not come at all, for you will be sure to get "stamped" before you have been here a month, if not before you accomplish half the distance. All who come here must be workers and not drones, and this will be one of the greatest ornaments in the glorious sisterhood of the Union.

##### The St. Vrain, Golden City & Colorado Wagon Road.

We promised last week to make some more extended remarks in reference to this road. We consider it a work of great importance to the country, and especially to miners and others who may come in this country hereafter. The mines discovered in the South and Middle Parks, and on the Colorado and Blue Rivers, bid fair to yield exceedingly rich, and no doubt large numbers will be employed upon the watercourses in that vicinity next year, and indeed for many years to come. When the news of the discoveries in that vicinity reached the miners here last fall, hundreds started with their teams for the new Eldorado, going a roundabout way of some two hundred and fifty or three hundred miles. This was a long journey, and like the emigration to this country last spring, most of them stampeded; many, however, persevered, and the result is now before the world; several parties came back from their prospecting tours over the proposed new road, and all agree that it presents no formidable difficulties in the way of prosecuting the work. The most difficult point to overcome upon the whole route was reaching the top of the first range of mountains. This has been accomplished through the first canon south of Clear Creek canon, at an inclination of less than four degrees.

The road commences at St. Vrain's Fort on the Platte, some forty-five miles below Denver. Here the company will erect a free bridge, and from this point the road runs to Clear Creek, striking it at or near McCleery's Ranch, thence up the stream to Arapahoe, through Table Mountain canon to Golden City; running through this town, crossing the creek by either of the two substantial bridges which are now being constructed by the town company in place of the old ones, it here enters the mountains by the canon above described. After reaching the summit of the first range the road runs by a course a little south of west in nearly a direct line to the South Park, over the old Lodge Pole Trail. After leaving the South Park it crosses the Snowy Range at an easy grade, striking the head waters of the Colorado, on the western slope.

When completed this will be

not only the best, but the shortest route from the Platte valley to the new diggings. We have no doubt that the Platte route will hereafter be the great thoroughfare from the States, and by crossing the river at St. Vrain the immigrant will save nearly twenty-five miles travel in reaching the base of the mountains, and when there he will find himself in a position to choose his field of labor. If he should choose to locate in the Gregory or neighboring mines his road is by way of the Eight Mile Gulch, entering the Mountains at Golden Gate, two miles from Golden City. If, on the contrary, he decides upon the South Park, Colorado or Blue River diggings, he takes the road we have described.

Aside from the advantages this road offers to miners and others traveling in the direction of the new diggings west of us, it will afford excellent facilities to the citizens of the valley, rendering the task of procuring their timber and wood comparatively easy. The road passes through thousands of acres of the best of timber, and already the sound of the axe and falling trees is heard in every direction along the line of the road in anticipation of its completion to the top of the mountain.

The following gentlemen are the officers of the company: President, John W. McCleery; Vice President, John M. Ferris; Directors, Eli Carter, D. K. Wall, Walter Polard, R. T. Davis, A. B. Hill, J. H. Ming, and—Fisk; Treasurer, T. P. Boyd; Secretary, Harry Gunnell; Superintendent, Dan'l McCleery; Engineer, S. G. Jones.

From the well known energy of these gentlemen, we have the best assurance that the work will be pushed forward to completion at the earliest possible day.

**THE SOCIAL CIRCLE.**—Among the many advantages which Golden City possesses, is the existence within her borders of a large number of beautiful ladies. Indeed, for a new mining country, it is peculiarly favored in this respect. A large portion of the residents have their wives and daughters to cheer and encourage them, and we are happy to see that their social qualities lead them to endeavor to make the long winter evenings pass pleasantly to the sterner sex. Nearly every evening the sound of merry voices, and nimbly feet is heard issuing from some one of the happy homes of our city, where the young ladies and gentlemen are gathered together for social enjoyment. This is right. We hold that nothing conduces so much to the order and well-being of society as the innocent mingling of the sexes in the social circle, and so long as this state of things is kept up we shall have an orderly and well regulated community. We

have a marriage head already set up in anticipation of its weekly use in our paper, and we trust that the young ladies and gentlemen will see that it is called into frequent use.

**A GOOD MOVEMENT.**—We understand that steps are being taken by several ladies and gentlemen of this city to institute a Chapter of the order of Good Templars. Several meetings have been held, and a committee has been chosen to send by the next express for the proper authority. This is a movement in the right direction, and from the feeling manifested by the friends of the cause, we have no doubt it will be successful.

The attention of the reader is called to our New Advertisement column, where several notices of importance will be found.

##### Provisional Government.

GOLDEN CITY, EC. 9.

**MR. EDITOR:**—The General Assembly of the Provisional Government of the Territory of Jefferson, adjourned this day by joint resolution on the 7th inst. at nine o'clock P. M., after a laborious session of thirty-one days, during which time a code of laws has been framed and passed which I think will be suitable to the present wants of this rapidly-growing country, and such I hope as will meet the views of the people, and be respected, obeyed, and enforced by every lover of peace and good order, until they are superseded by a more permanent government, which we humbly trust will not be long.

Among the most important acts passed are those which divide our territory into twelve counties, and provide for regular courts for the trial of offences against the laws, and for the collection of debts and the settlement of all controversies amongst the citizens, with a civil and criminal code suitable to our present wants. The courts provided for are a minor's court in mining districts, justices courts in the different precincts, district courts for each county a supreme court for the Territory, and a county court in each county for the transaction of county and probate business. An attachment law, a replevin law, a law regulating the taking up and posting estrays, a law to provide for laying out and working county roads, a law regulating the taking of farming, ranching and mining claims, a law regulating mechanics liens, a law regulating elections, a general incorporation law, and many others, will form a part of our code.

The first election for county and precinct officers will be held in the several counties on the first Monday in January next, at which time temporary county seats will be located by the vote of the people; due notice of this election will be given by proclamation of his Excellency the Governor.

The first session of the district court will be held in Jefferson County on the first Monday in January next by his honor Judge Alarson, at this place.

I will try to furnish you a complete list of all the acts passed by the General Assembly, next week. Yours truly, C.

**MARBLE.**—We have been shown some specimens of Marble, by Dr. L. E. Hardy, J. A. Moore and Frank De La Mar, of this city, taken from a quarry lately discovered by them on Plum Creek, some thirty miles south of Golden City. The pieces before us have been taken from near the surface, but they indicate that the stone farther down will be very fine, and susceptible of an excellent polish. We shall not be surprised to see marble palaces going up about us in a short time.

**WE** are requested to notify the citizens of Golden City, to meet at the office of the St. Vrain, Golden City and Colorado Wagon Road Co., on Platte street, on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, to take steps to establish a school. A full attendance of parents and others is requested.

#### Agents.

We have authorized the following gentlemen to act as agents for our paper, and they will receive subscriptions and advertisements, and receipt for money for the same:—  
A. E. PLACK, Auraria & Denver.  
C. A. MAXWELL, Mountain City.  
HARVEY WHITMAN, Nevada, Russell's, and other districts.

#### NOTICE.

The subscribers to the "Rocky Mountain Odd Reporter," will be supplied with the "Mountain," during the winter, as I have leased the press and material of the Reporter to Mr. Geo. West, until early spring, when I shall take it into the mountains and publish the Gold Reporter again.

THOS. GIBSON.

Mr. FORTNER—Having received the appointment of Clerk of the District Court for Jefferson county, I am now prepared to issue writs for the commencement of suits in said court, by attachment, replevin, action of debt or any action provided for by law. Office at present at my residence.

ELI CARTER

Golden City, Dec. 9th, 1859.

Mr. ELI CARTER of Golden City, announces himself as a candidate for the office of County Recorder for Jefferson county, at the election to be held on the 1st Monday in January next.

#### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

#### NOTICE

THE St. Vrain, Golden City & Colorado Wagon-Road company will receive proposals for a TOLLMAN, who can come well recommended and furnish suitable bonds. Application must be made to the editor of the Mountain, on or before Saturday next, the seventeenth inst.

The road on the mountain will be completed early next week. Tickets can be procured of the Treasurer, T. P. BOYD, at the Golden City Hotel, twenty-five per cent cheaper than at the toll gate.

**St. Vrain, Golden City and Colorado Wagon Road Co.**  
Office Platte St., Golden City.

JOHN W. McINTYRE, Pres't.

T. P. BOYD, Treas.

HARRY GUNNELL, Sec'y.

D. McCLEERY, Sup't.

**DAVIDSON, BREATH & CO.**  
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WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALERS IN  
READY MADE

**CLOTHING!**

BLANKETS, BOOTS & SHOES,  
HOSIERY & GLOVES,  
HARDWARE, GROCERIES & PROVISIONS,  
and a general assortment of  
**MINERS' SUPPLIES.**

PRICES as low as the lowest.

GOLD DUST taken in exchange for goods at \$16 and \$18 pr. oz. no lift

**TO THE PUBLIC.**  
THE MOUNT VERNON TOWN COMPANY,

ARE now ready and willing to donate lots to all who will improve them. This town is located at the entrance of one of the greatest thoroughfares in the Territory of Jefferson, to wit, the Denver, Auraria and Colorado Wagon-Road. The town is located twelve miles west of Denver and Auraria. Timber and building stone, lime and coal are abundant in the vicinity. Persons wishing location shares would do well to call on the secretary at Mt. Vernon, and receive their shares.  
By order of the board of directors,  
F. CASTO,  
no lift Secretary of the company.

**SIGN PAINTING!**

By J. H. BIRD, GOLDEN CITY.  
ORDERS left at the Boston company's store will be promptly executed and on reasonable terms.

**Hotel,**  
**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE,**  
Corner Ford and Second Sts.  
GOLDEN CITY.  
By J. M. JOHNSON.  
no lift Has any and make to let.

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By D. C. A. McCLEERY.  
On Clear Creek.

EIGHT miles from Golden City on the main road to the Platte, and four miles from Denver, on the road to Shoshone and Boulder. A fine and good hotel accommodations, no lift.

**LIVERY & FEED STABLE.**  
**SADDLE PONIES & PACK**  
animals to let on reasonable terms. Hay and grain for sale.

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**MERSEHAU & KEEANE.**

WILL RUN A DAILY LINE of Hacks between  
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Leaving Golden City at half past seven A. M., and Denver at 2 P. M. Will call at the principal hotels in both places for passengers.  
Fare one dollar. no lift

DR. I. E. HARDY,  
**PHYSICIAN & SURGEON.**

Tenders his professional services to the citizens of this place, and vicinity. A. M. at a Level, Washig-ton Avenue, Golden City. no lift

**NOTICE**

It is hereby given that on the third of December, 1859, an assessment was levied on the St. Vrain, Golden City and Colorado Wagon-Road Stock, of fifteen per cent, which assessment must be paid on or before the eighth inst., on the stock already subscribed for, will be levied.  
By order of the Board,  
HARRY GUNNELL, Sec.

**CLAYTON, LOWE, & C<sup>y</sup>**

HAVE just received, at their new store, corner Larimer and F streets, Denver City, a full stock of

GROCERIES,  
DRY GOODS,  
BOOTS & SHOES,  
HATS & CAPS,  
CLOTHING, AND  
GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS.

A complete assortment of Saddles, Bridles, and Harness, at  
CLAYTON, LOWE, & CO.

MULES, HORSES, and PONIES for sale by CLAYTON, LOWE, & CO.  
no lift

**MINERS' STORE.**

THE undersigned would respectfully inform the miners, and other citizens of this vicinity, that they have and will keep constantly on hand a full and complete assortment of

GROCERIES,  
PROVISIONS,  
& CLOTHING.

which we offer at the

LOWEST CASH PRICES.

Gold dust taken at highest rates.  
PRICE & HARRIS.  
Golden City, J. T.

FLOUR constantly on hand and for sale by  
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BACON constantly on hand and for sale by  
PRICE & HARRIS.

**HENDERSON'S ISLAND.**

THE undersigned, residing on the A. shop superior ranch, is now prepared to take horses, mules, and cattle, to ranch during the winter. The ranch is twelve miles below the cities of Denver and Auraria, and contains 320 acres well watered and timbered, and has on it the entire season's crop of grass used, besides in stock 180 tons of hay. My stables and corrals are the largest and best in the territory, and having careful breeders, I flatter myself with being able to give satisfaction to all who may send stock to me. Charges reasonable.  
[All orders left at Ming & Cooper's in Auraria, or Jones and Cartwright's Denver, will be promptly attended to.]  
no lift J. O. D. HENDERSON.

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STORAGE, COMMISSION, AND Forwarding Merchants, Real Estate Agents, and Auctioneers, and dealers in foreign and domestic wines, liquors and cigars. Ferry St., opposite Jones & Cartwright's Auraria. no lift

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DEALERS in Provisions, Hardware, Crockery and Glass Ware, and Miners' Supplies.  
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E. SOUTHWORTH,  
FROM Cleveland, Ohio, has a joiner's shop on Washington Avenue, north side of creek, Golden City. All orders punctually attended to. no lift

Golden City and Denver

**EXPRESS!**

RAYNES the Boston Company's store, Golden City, daily, at half past seven A. M., and the Vaqueros House, Auraria, at two P. M.  
Fare, one dollar.  
Letters and small parcels forwarded with dispatch. no lift

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and glass, for sale by the Boston Company. no lift

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**THE STATES !!**

BY TRAIN

A. P. VASQUEZ & CO.

received their stock of

**WINTER GOODS,**

Consisting of  
CLOTHING, GROCERIES,  
QUEEN'S WARE, NAILS,  
TEA, SUGAR, DRIED  
FRUITS,

and a No. 1 article of  
FRESH FLOUR.

Also for sale a large lot of  
DEER AND ANTELOPE SKINS.

Old will be taken in exchange for these articles at the old price. Quicksilver at 10 and gold at 18 dollars per oz.

Auraria, Dec. 6, 1859. no lift

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and Restaurant.  
Larimer street, Denver City.

E. D. JUMPS, Proprietor.

I keep constantly on hand, the best of

WINES, LIQUORS, CIGARS &c.

My restaurant is furnished with all the delicacies the country affords. I can accommodate one hundred boarders. Please give me a call, as I flatter myself that I can please every one. no lift

**APOLLO SALOON**

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By BARNEY BROTHERS.

The bar is furnished with the best liquors, and the table with the best of the country affords. Theatre in the hall above. no lift

**CITY BAKERY**

and Dining Saloons.  
Blake St., Denver, & Ferry St., Auraria.

The above establishments are fitted up in a superior style, and are now prepared to furnish

MEALS & LODGINGS

at all hours, at

PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES.

Connected with these establishments is a stock yard, with a good supply of hay on hand.

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T. P. BOYD, Proprietor.  
On Washington Avenue, immediately adjoining the upper bridge, north side of Clear Creek. no lift

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Billiard Saloon & Restaurant.  
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Boarding by the day or week. Meals at all hours. J. G. SIMMS.

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Washington Avenue, Golden City.  
By HARVEY & WRIGHT. no lift

**BLACKSMITHING.**

THE BOSTON COMPANY are prepared to do  
BLACKSMITHING,  
of every description, at short notice, and at reasonable rates.



For the Mountaineer.

### The First Gray Hair.

Mother, dear mother, I cannot bear  
To see you growing old;  
Come, let me pluck that silver hair,  
That shines out there so bold.

I'll watch them as they steal a place  
Upon that marble brow;  
I wish that you would always look  
As young and sweet as now.

I wonder if I'll look like you,  
When I a woman grow;  
O, mother, did you look like me,  
So short, and thick, and low?

I'll always love a slender form,  
A soft and gentle eye,  
With a melting kindness in the tone,  
That's akin to those on high.

O mother, can I ever bear  
To see your eye grow dim?  
Or can I ever go to rest  
Without the cradle hymn?

O yes, when years of sorrow  
Have dimmed my youthful eye,  
I'll long to join that happy throng,  
With dear mother up on high.

M....

### BUCKSKIN JACK, The Mountaineer.

#### CHAPTER I.

On a beautiful evening in the latter part of August, a jolly party of prospectors were seated around their camp-fire in a green valley in one of the many canyons around the South park. They had been tramping over the mountains and through the gulches in search of better "diggins," and now they had found them. Here they were satisfied they should find the rich treasure for which they left their comfortable homes, and although fatigued, they were well content. After cooking their evening meal and constructing a rude brush shanty to protect them from the mountain winds, they sat around their blazing fire; many a joke was bandied at their former companions who had gone to "America's" heinous "Pike's Peak was a humbug," many a story was told of incident in the life of a prospector, and now a yell was made upon one of the party for a song.

"I say Tam, gie us a sang," says Jim Munroe, in his broad Scotch dialect.

"What shall it be?" asked Tom Pantan, in his good-natured way. "The deil a duffer," says Jim, and the neighboring mountains echoed back the words of many a familiar song. As the sound of the last line of "Do they mine me at home," were dying away, the party were startled by the voice of an intruder.

"Praps they do and praps they don't, young man; but I've his trampin over these mountains morn'twenty years, by and large, and I never found this ere loud singing an' ways passyfin to the Utes."

"Are there say Utes about?" asked one of the party.

"Not! I know on; leastwise "

hain't een any of the d--d murderin thevin cusses lately, but for all that, there must be, and I allow is not hast to give 'em any advantage any how."

As he spoke he strode forward and threw a quarter of a mountain sheep upon the ground, eat his long rifle against the side of the shanty, and removed from his back an old buffalo robe, which was bound around with a throng of deer-skin.

"Sesin's you've got a fire, boys," said he, "I reckon I'll make bold to use it." While he is roasting a piece of his meat upon the end of a long stick, we will endeavor to give the reader a description of his personal appearance. He was a tall, broad shouldered man, in appearance about fifty, wearing a pair of buckskin breeches which were evidently the work of his own hands, a vest of deer-skin with the hair still on, and over this a buckskin coat. This latter garment was elaborately trimmed with beads, fringe, and the fur of the beaver. This was doubtless the work of more experienced hands. Over all he wore a Mus army coat, which like its owner showed signs of hard usage.

Our friends saw at once that their guest was one of those strange specimens of humanity, an old "Mountaineer." As they afterwards learned from him his real name was John Fletcher, and familiarly called by his companions, Buckskin Jack. He had left his home in Vermont when quite a young man, for the far West, and had become enamoured of the strange and hazardous life of a trapper and hunter. He commenced his backwoods life in the then wild region about Lake Superior, and was gradually driven back by civilization until he is now, like the Indians, hemmed in on all sides, and is greatly at a loss to know where to go so as not to be bothered by neighbors.

It took our mountaineer but a short time to perform his culinary duties, and then he drew from his belt a long hunting knife and proceeded to fill his pipe for his usual after-supper smoke. In order to draw him out of one of our party remarked—

"The Utes and Arapahoes have had a brush down on the Fountain qui Bouille haven't they?"

"Yas," he answered; "yas, I hear so; but them Rapahoes ain't what they used to be in old times, when Old Raven was in his prime.—Them cussed Utes have nigh hand wiped 'em out late years. Since I first come among 'em I've seen right smart of fightin I tell ye, but there has so many of 'em gone under now they ain't much account."

"I have you lived much with them," asked Tom.

"Off and on for twenty years," said he, "Old Raven and me has

been like brothers. When I first come out here I happened to do a good turn for some of his young 'uns and he never forgot it. It happened somehow this away. The half of the Rapahoes was camped down to St. Vrain's. It was party well along in the winter, and then the fort had some life about it. There was a jolly band of trappers in and out all the time, and the Ingins were comin and goin bringin their peltries to trade for sugar, coffee and gaw-gaws.

"I'd him up, the Lodga Pole a month or so trappin heaver, and was comin' down to the fort with a poney load of skins. About a half hour by sun I struck St. Vrain's Fork, and me I had come a party long stretch I concluded to camp; so I took off my pack saddle and let my pony run with his larriat. I got my supper and had got fairly to smokin' when all of a sudden I heard a devil of a rush down the creek. I crept up to the top of a bluff that run out betwixt me and the noise, and there, not more than three hundred yards below I saw a party of five Utes driving about twenty Rapahoe ponies before 'em, and tied to one of 'em was a boy and gal. Thinkin' I here's foul play, and as I never thought a heap of the Utes I concluded to pitch in and rescue the prisoners. So I lays low till they come up about of me, and I has fly old Green Mountain at the pony that carried the boy and gal. In course I pitched him down. The yellar cusses didn't stop to pick 'em up, for they had come down a purpose to steal ponies, and didn't care much for the prisoners. They kept right on up the creek with the ponies, and were soon out of sight.

"My little yaller friends were right glad to get out of the clutches of their natral inemys. The boy was about ten and the gal thirteen or so. Thinkin that the Utes might come back again after dark, I concluded to take my little Ingine in charge and break for the fort; I got in about sun up, and found old Raven just startin out in search of the thevin Utes. He was tickled enough to see his young 'uns, and wanted me to go along, and wouldn't take no for an answer, so I stowed away my skins and took a fresh poney, and jined in."

P. S.—Having introduced our bore, we propose next week to give an account of the pursuit and subsequent fight, and from time to time to relate some of the startling adventures of Buckskin Jack during his long life as a trapper and hunter.

Woman is the great beauty, the most precious jewel taken from the scripture of God for the ornament and happiness of man.—Guyard.

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By the subscriber about three weeks since, a vole of four year old silver—more red with white spots, the other black, which the owner can have by proving property and paying charges. JAMES PRICE. Golden City. nif

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North Cleveland, Ohio, has a joinery shop on W. Main street, at the foot of the creek, Golden City. All orders punctually attended to.

## An Act to Incorporate the St. Vrain, Golden City & Colorado Wagon-Road Company.

BE it enacted by the General Assembly of the Provisional Government of the Territory of Jefferson, the Governor approving:

Sec. 1. That John W. McIntyre, J. M. Ferrell, Harry Gunnell and Ludlow W. Bliss, with such other persons as may associate with them for that purpose, are hereby incorporated a body, politic, and corporate, by the name and style of the St. Vrain, Golden City and Colorado Wagon-Road Company, and under that name and style shall be capable of suing and being sued, impleading and being impleaded, defending and being defended against in law and equity, in all courts and places, may make and use a common seal, and alter and renew the same, in exchange of contracting and being contracted with, and are hereby invested with all powers, privileges, immunities and franchises, and of acquiring by purchase or otherwise, and holding and conveying real and personal estate, which may be needful to carry into effect fully the purpose and objects of this act.

Sec. 2. The said Company is hereby authorized and empowered to survey, locate, construct, complete, alter and maintain a wagon-road from St. Vrain by way of Arapahoe and Golden City to Saratoga West in Saratoga County.

Sec. 3. The said company is hereby authorized and shall have the right of way upon, and may appropriate to its sole use and control, for the purpose of impleading, land not exceeding one hundred feet in width, through its entire length, upon such route as may be determined, and may take more land, earth, or material, as may be necessary for the construction, completion, or maintaining said road, provided that no land shall be taken by said corporation (or in the construction of said road upon which settlers are located and have right of claim thereon, without full and just remuneration therefor, which remuneration or damages shall be ascertained by three commissioners, one to be chosen by the corporation, one by the party claiming to be injured, and the third to be chosen by the two chosen as above, and when said commissioners are so chosen they shall proceed to examine the lands proposed to be taken, as to the damages done and sustained in consequence of the taking of said lands for said road, and shall give to the party claiming to be injured, a copy of their decision, and one copy shall be filed in the office

of the secretary of said corporation and said corporation shall before taking said lands claimed to be taken, pay or tender to the party injured the amount to be awarded such person or persons by said commissioners, and when such tender is made, the said corporation is hereby authorized to take such land for the construction of said road as is by this act authorized, provided that either party shall have the right of appeal from the decision of the referees to the District Court.

Sec. 4. The capital stock of said Corporation shall be twelve thousand dollars, which may be increased from time to time to any sum not exceeding the amount expended on a count of said road, divided into shares of fifty dollars each, which shall be deemed personal property, issued and transferred as may be ordered by the directors of said company.

Sec. 5. All the corporate powers of said company shall be vested in and exercised by a board of directors and such officers and agents as they may appoint. The board of directors shall consist of eleven persons, annually by the stockholders, each share having one vote by person or proxy, and continue in office until their successors are elected and qualified; vacancies in the board may be filled by a vote of two-thirds of the remaining directors.

Sec. 6. The President and Directors, for the time being, are hereby empowered, or their officers or agents, to execute all the powers herein granted for the purpose of surveying, locating and constructing said wagon-road; and authority for the control and management of the affairs as may be necessary to carry into effect the intent of this act.

Sec. 7. The said company shall have power to make, ordain and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations deemed expedient for the objects and interests of the corporation, provided they do not conflict with the laws of the United States or of the Organic Act. They shall have power to establish such rates of toll and collect the same, and matters and things respecting the use of said road.

Sec. 8. The rates of toll upon said road shall be as follows, to wit: from St. Vrain to Golden City free; from Golden City to Tarry-all on the middle fork of the South Platte, not exceeding two dollars for each wagon drawn by not exceeding three yokes of cattle, two cents extra for each yoke of oxen, one cent extra for each yoke of horses or mules; and from Tarry-all to Jones' Port on Blue Fork of Colorado river, one dollar for same description of teams, 25 cents extra as before. And from Jones' Port westward to Saratoga West 2 cents per mile for each team and wagon as aforesaid, with 4 cent addition per mile for each extra yoke of cattle, yoke of horses or mules, as far as may be necessary to extend said road, and that toll shall not be charged on any part of said road only as completed and that in proportion to the whole distance and proportionate expense of making said road, and no toll shall be charged on any other than the main road herein specified, and shall charge the toll on said road except when it is kept in good repair.

Sec. 9. Said Corporation shall within a reasonable time after said road is definitely located, cause a map and profile to be made of the road, and file the same in the office of the Secretary of the Territory.

Sec. 10. In case of refusal or neglect on the part of stockholders to make payment as required, the shares of such delinquents may, after thirty days' public notice, be sold at auction, and the surplus if any, after deducting payments and interest, to be paid to each stockholder.

Sec. 11. Said Company shall commence the construction of said road within ten days after the passage of this act, and shall complete the same within nine months thereafter, and said company shall, no finish such road that it shall at no place have a grade to exceed twenty to each one hundred feet, and of sufficient width, for two teams to easily pass each other abreast before they shall be entitled to collect any toll, provided that for the present they may only make plans for terms to pass conveniently and not more than thirty rods apart.

Sec. 12. Provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent any other road from crossing the same or from running along said road at any point where it may be impracticable to run such other road in any other place, provided the person or persons desiring to build such other road shall pay an equal proportion of the expense of building the road at such place of crossing or running together, or shall pay this company a reasonable compensation for passing over such road, provided that the company or person wishing to build such other road shall arrange their toll rates in such a manner as not to interfere with the tolls allowed to be collected by this company, and provided further that the toll gates established on said road shall not be so located as to interfere with the tolls allowed other companies

and in no case shall any company consolidate so as to increase the tolls allowed by law.

Sec. 13. Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to grant this company banking privileges of any character.

This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage and to continue in force for the term of ten years.

JAMES A. GRAY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

HENRY ALLAN,  
President of the Council.

Approved, Dec. 7, 1859.  
R. W. STEELE,  
Governor.

## THE MOUNTAINEER.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21, 1859.

### The Mines.

Our correspondents in the mountains inform us that mining operations are still carried on to some extent in leads and tunnels. A large amount of quartz is being raised, in readiness for crushing as soon as the mills are able to do it. There are two or three mills at work, and several more being set up; those that are running, we learn are doing extremely well. The quartz from some of the leads is yielding very rich. From a ton and a quarter of quartz crushed in Prosser's mill, rising \$700 in gold was obtained. This result is very satisfactory, and indicates that within all the mills which will be here are in operation next year, an immense amount of gold will be taken out. In addition to the quartz which requires crushing, a large quantity of pay dirt is being mined, which when washed will yield largely.

Lately, we understand, some of the pyrites of iron, which is found in large quantities in the leads, and has hitherto been thrown away as worthless, has been crushed, and found to yield equally as well as the quartz. It is more difficult to gather the gold, but as it pays largely, it will all be worked, and will render the working of lead claims far more remunerative than hitherto.

At Arapahoe, sluice heads are being cut from the ditches described in our first issue, and preparations being made for the employment of a large number of men.—This bar prospects better than was at first supposed. Mr. Davidson informs us that from three to fifteen cents to the pan are obtained. He thinks the former run will be realized from the surface down.

From the South Park, Colorado and Blue River diggings we have no news. There are a number of miners wintering there, but we do not anticipate that mining will be carried on to any extent before the opening of spring.

See New Advertisement Column for important notices.

### Citizens' Trial.

A difficulty having occurred between Henry Mortimer of Doyle's Ranch, and P. Y. Coleman, and Alfred Redline of Golden City, in regard to the possession of certain property, there being no legal tribunal yet established before which to try the case, it was agreed by the parties to have an examination held by the citizens of this place.

Our esteemed fellow-citizen, Judge Eli Carter, having consented to preside in the matter, a meeting of the citizens was called on Saturday last, and Mr. E. F. Clewell appeared as Attorney on behalf of the plaintiffs, and Messrs. J. N. Odell and J. F. Kirby as counsel for the defendant.

After a lengthy debate as to the mode in which the case should be presented, during which Mr. Clewell displayed much eloquence, and Messrs Odell and Kirby evinced profound legal talent and an intimate acquaintance with the intricate mazes of the law, it was finally agreed to have it decided by arbitration. Judge Carter was appointed umpire and the following gentlemen were appointed arbitrators: R. T. Davis, Keuben Brown, R. A. McIntosh, Wm. Allen, J. M. Whittemore and R. P. Mercereau.

Mr. Clewell opened the case by saying that a certain trunk was left at Doyle's Ranch by Kollins the plainiff, and he expected to prove that the defendant, Mortimer, opened the trunk and appropriated certain articles to his own use.—After a tedious examination of a number of witnesses whose evidence was quite contradictory, the case was given to the jury, who in a few minutes brought in a verdict for our client, and decided that the costs should be paid by the plaintiff.

The case was conducted by Judge Carter in a fair and impartial manner, and the verdict appeared to give general satisfaction to the large audience who were assembled. We are glad that the parties agreed to settle the matter by an appeal to the citizens, as it is evident that we are a law-abiding people, and that justice can be dispensed in this town without appealing to Judge Lush.

CHRISTIAN BAIL.—Every-body is going to the grand Ball to be given on Thursday evening next at Loveland's new Hall in this city. The ladies are talking of nothing else; Mr. Kay is outdoing himself in providing a supper; the managers are doing all in their power to have it go off well, and we predict that it will be a success. We learn that large numbers of ladies and gentlemen will be present from the Consolidated City, Arapahoe, Boulder, and other places.

THE SCHOOL MOVEMENT.—Pursuant to a notice in the Mountaineer last week, a meeting was held on Thursday evening last to consider the subject of establishing a school for the children of this city. Mr. Walter Pollard was called to the chair, and Mr. Wm. Allen appointed Secretary. A committee, Messrs. D. McCleery and T. P. Boyd, were appointed, to ascertain the number of children desirous of attending school, and the meeting adjourned to Saturday evening.

At the meeting on Saturday evening Judge Eli Carter was appointed chairman, and Geo. Wren Secretary. The committee appointed at the last meeting reported that they found twenty-two children whose parents were anxious they should have the opportunity to attend school. Remarks were made by Messrs. Carter, Wall, Ferrell, Simpson, Pollard and others upon the importance of the subject, when it was voted to notify the citizens to meet at the Jefferson House on this (Wednesday) evening, to devise a plan of procedure in the matter. Our readers are referred to a notice of this meeting in our advertising columns. We hope to see a large attendance of parents and others.

NECESSITY THE MOTIVE, &c.—In the absence of his more esteemed neighbor, Judge Carter, has resorted to a rather novel expedient to supply the deficiency. "Our boys," have adopted it, and we will explain the mode of procedure, for the benefit of those who may be similarly situated. A wooden box about a foot square, and of the required length is constructed, open at the ends. They then adopt the Irishman's idea of casting cannon, which was to take a long hole and run the iron around it. A kind of red clay is found in veins near the base of the mountains, which is moistened and becomes an excellent cement as hard as brick, when subjected to the action of heat. This cement is packed tightly around a "hole" the size of a stove pipe, in the center of the box, and the chimney is finished. We can recommend this as a safe and economical substitute for a regularly-constructed chimney.

WE notice that his Excellency has commissioned our friend Byrns, of the Rocky Mountain N. W., as Major in the Militia of the Territory of Jefferson. We commend the governor's judgment, and congratulate the consolidated city with the alighted name, upon this appointment, and it Maj. Byrns very properly refuses to raise his sword in defense of the coat of honour, it will leap from its scabbard at the first sound of the trumpet, in defence of law and order.

### THE FUR TRADE OF THE WEST.

It may not be generally known to the people of the mighty West, that they owe their present importance and commercial greatness to the hunters and trappers who trod the unbroken wildernesses nearly half a century ago, but such is the fact. Leaving their homes in the old Eastern States they sought the Western forests in search of the buffalo, the beaver, the otter, and other wild animals, valuable for their coats of fur. In securing these treasures, the wild and beautiful country harmed them, and they built their huts, cleared, and sowed seed and became reapers instead of rovers. O here, hearing of the good fortune of the pioneers, old-timers their guns, and placing their hunting knives in their belts, came on to try their luck. Many of these hunters in a few years became the tillers of the soil, and laid the foundation for a great and populous territory. But there still remained a few who could not give up the hunting chase for buffalo, and the hunt for otter and beaver, but followed it all their lives, partially for the love of it, yet we think more from the rich treasure which it yielded. These old hunters formed what was called the "North-west Fur Company," and their descendants growing in importance and wealth, afterwards formed themselves into the "American Fur Company." The history of their operations in the West is one of brilliant success. John Jacob Astor made a great portion of his immense fortune with this company, of which he was the principal director. Others made brilliant fortunes, and now they or their children are enjoying them.—[St. Louis Bulletin.

ELECTION.—His Excellency Gov. Steele has, by proclamation, called an election to be held in the respective precincts of the various Counties of the Territory, on the first Monday in January, 1861, for the purpose of electing the following County officers in each organized County:—one President Judge and two associate Judges; one Sheriff, (except in the Counties of Arapahoe and Mountain, where a election is ordered) one County Recorder, one County Treasurer, one County Attorney, and two Justices of the Peace, and two Constables for each precinct in the County.

The voters of the respective Counties are also required to vote for the location of their County seats, and the place receiving the highest number of votes shall be by the President Judge of the County declared to be the temporary seat of justice for his County.

There are no men more sensitive than lawyers, for you must always find them in the melting mood.



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## BUCKSKIN JACK, The Mountaineer.

### CHAPTER II.

'Old Raven had chosen about a hundred of his best warriors; but they were all mounted on ponies, and were armed with bows and arrows and spears, and each one had a tomahawk and scalping knife, and when we started out, I tell ye we was a force not to be sneezed at. I rode by the side of Raven at the head of the band, and was the only man among 'em who had a gun. I had plenty of ammunition, and calkulated on doing suthin to brag on. We crossed the river and took up St. Vrain's Fork, hopin to be able to follow the trail of the Utes, and correll 'em afore the next day night. We kept on till we cum to where I had shot the pövey, and we found they had been back there and tried to blind the trail. This bothered Raven some, so he made up his mind to divide his party.— He sent about half on 'em on up the creek under a brave named Nah-wash-ta, and with the rest on us turned off to the left towards Vasquez Fork. We got there about dark, and followed along up till we come party nigh to the Table Mountains. Raven didn't like to go up the kenyon without reconnoiter, so he halted his men, and tellin 'em to keep their eyes open, and I started out to see what we could see. After climbin up onto the top of the Table Mountain, on the north side of the creek, we kep along the edge of it till we could see down on 't other side.

"'Then they be," says I, but 't wänt no use in me sayin so, for Old Raven's eyes was as good as mine. Right down below us we see a little fire, just by the side of the creek, and settin round it we could see four or five men. We sposed this was the only party that had run off the ponies, and Raven concluded to go back for his party and take 'em by surprise. So he went back for 'em and left me to watch. 'T want morn' an hour and a half afore I seen him comin up the kenyon with his Ingins, creepin along slowly, so's to make a grand rush when he got nigh enough; but just as I first see him comin up, I see an Ingins runnin up out of the gulch towards the party settin round the fire; just then he give a yell that made the old kenyon ring, and afore I could wink, morn' three hundred of the yellin cusses was on there feet and in less than five minits the whole pack was horseback.

"I see straight off that Raven was in a fix, and tried to signal him, but couldn't make him look up. But he heard the yellin, and folted his Ingins up together, and made a rush up the kenyon. The Utes was drawed up waitin to see how many they'd got to fight. It was

guths party fight by this time, and I was lookin right down onto both parties. Old Raven now see what odds he'd got to deal with, but 'twas too late to back out, so he pitched in right off. I tell ye boys that was a sight; the Rapahoes went in so strong at first that it nads the others give back a little, for they didn't know how many they'd got afore 'em; but they soon found they was morn' four to one, and then they rallied, and pitched in too. I tell ye I war about half glad I wasn't thar, but I didn't want to see my friends likked; so I started to go down arter my horse and do what I could to help 'em. By this time the Utes began to drive the Rapahoes into the kenyon. Raven's men had sent under 'right smart of the enemy in the first bush, and they'd got their mud up. Just as I turned round to go down I thought I see suthin three or four mile to the north'ard, and I thought it might be the balance of the party; thinks I if it is preps we'll get 'em yet, so I broke for that side of the mountain, and agin I got there they wasn't morn' a mile off, comin down party fast, fillerin the trail of the boss cheives. I fired off old Green Mountain to make 'em look, and then took off my old wolf skin cap and swung it like a Missouri nigger in a roller time. This started 'em into a canter, and by the time I got down the mountain they was up to me.

"I told Nah-wash-ta what was up, and told him he'd better keep right on and take the enemy in the rear. He didn't say a word, only turned round to see the Ingins, give a yell, and off they broke down 'towards the creek. Then was the time I wanted my horse, but I want quite as old as I be now, and I took 'em as fast as I could run. I cut across where they couldn't go with the ponies, and got in about as quick as they did; the fight was ragin in the kenyon, but the Utes had all the advantage; Raven was givin way slowly, but he'd lost a good many of his men, and was about givin in when Nah-wash-ta and his Ingins rushed onto the Utes. I'm free to say I never see surprised Ingins in my life. I had catched one of the ponies that had lost his owner in the fight, and joined my friends. Taken before and behind, they was in rather a bad fix for a few minutes; old Green Mountain talked to 'em some, and if I ain't mistaken wiped out morn' one of the yellin cusses; but I want' no use fightin three or four to one. Most on 'em turned on us. We fit as long as we could, and then they drew us back. The Rapahoes was obliged to retreat, and I tried to go with 'em, but my money knew his friends and was bound to stick to 'em. He had so bridle on, only a lariat, and I couldn't guide him. He

rushed with me right down among 'em in spite of all I could do. Thinks I, Jack you're gone under, sure. Three or four on 'em grabbed me and pulled me down. I'd bin party forward in the fight, and expected nothing better than to have my bar lifted on the spot, but it wasn't. They had me down, shakin their tomahawks over me, and I expected every minit to feel my skull cave in; just then the old chief come up and said suthin to 'em, and they took and tied my hands and feet with a lariat, and slung me over the poney. It seems they had lost so many men that they concluded not to follow the Rapahoes, and they broke for the mountains.

"I know enough about these Ingins to know that my chance was slim, and felt as if I'd rather they'd lifted my bar than than run the risk of worse treatment, which I knew I'd git, unless suthin turned up in my favor. I hadn't seen much of the Utes till now, and didn't understand their lingo, but I looks show any thing they wasn't over and above friendly, for there was no bidin the fact that they knew what my rifle had bin doin. One of 'em had it alog, and they keep all the time pitchin fast at it and then lookin at me.

"We kep on all day over the mountains, and when we camped at night I was tolerably used up, as it nint the comfortablest way of ridin in the world, specially over a rough road, with yer fast tied under a horse, and yer hands tied behind ye.

"But, boys, its gettin late, and I'm tired, and reckon you are, and I'll turn in."

Our friends urged Buckskin Jack to go on, but he said he was going to hunt around in the vicinity for some days, and would with their permission camp with them at night, and finish his story.

## CLAYTON, LOWE, & CO.

HAVE just received, at their new store, cor. Larimer and F streets, Denver City, a full stock of

### GROCERIES.

### DRY GOODS.

### BOOTS & SHOES.

### HATS & CAPS.

### CLOTHING, AND

### GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING

### GOODS.

A complete assortment of Saddles, Bridles, and Harness, at

CLAYTON, LOWE, & CO'S.

MULES, HORSES, and PONIES for sale by CLAYTON, LOWE, & CO.

## BOGGS & ST. JAMES,

Blake st., Denver city,

DEALERS in Provision, Hard Ware, Crockery and Glass Ware, and Miners' Supplies.

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## WINDOW SASH, PUTTY,

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## BOSTON COMPANY,

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HAVE just received, and will keep constantly on hand a full and complete assortment of

## Miners Supplies!

Containing in part as follows—

Flour, Sugar, Molasses, Coffee, Crockery, Nails, Boots & Shoes, Socks, Butts & Screws, Dynamites, Locks, Hatchets, Fry-pans, Tacks Assorted, Axe handles, Hoes & Caps, Bacon, Cigars, etc., &c.

Also, a complete assortment of

## Mining Implements.

HAY, CORN, & OATS.

## COMMISSION & Storage.

GOLD DUST received at the highest prices.

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## FREIGHT LINE

TO THE

## MOUNTAINS!

THE undersigned would respectfully announce to the public that he is prepared to convey freight of every description to any part of the mountains with

## SAFETY AND DISPATCH,

and at reasonable rates.

Orders left at the Boston Company's Store will meet with prompt attention.

J. H. WOODWORTH,  
Golden City, I. T. no 14

## NOTICE

IS hereby given that we, the undersigned companies, did on the 26th day of November, A. D. 1890, claim the right of way to make a survey ditch from the head of the upper bar, in the canon where Clear Creek comes out of the mountains, on the south side to Golden City, thence, by way of the Table Mountain Canon, along said creek to the foot of said stream where the Arapahoe and Denver road crosses the same, which we propose to complete for mining purposes, as soon as time and weather will permit.

MCINTYRE, VANCE, & McPHADREN, E. F. CHASE, D. McLELLY, no 14

## Taken Up

BY the subscriber about three weeks since, a yoke of four year old steers—one red with white spots, the other black—with the owner can have by proving property and paying charges. JAMES PRICE, no 14

Golden City, no 14